Construction of Dams in Jharkhand

2422. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are planning to construct some dams in Jharkhand on Damodar river to complete the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) project of constructing eight dams which should resolve the perennial problems of floods in the lower basin *i.e.*, Hooghly and Howrah districts of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI) : (a) and (b) 'A request was received in Central Water Commission from the Chairman Damodar Valley Corporation to take up pre-feasibility studies for Balpahari, Bokaro and Burmo Dams in Damodar Basin for tackling the flood problems in the lower basins. Central Water Commission has prepared an estimate amounting to Rs. 4.00 crore for taking up investigation work of these projects as a deposit work and has sent it to DVC in July, 2001. DVC has agreed in principle to this estimate.

Target for irrigation of land

†2423. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not been able to achieve the target fixed for irrigation of land in the country;

(b) if so, the target fixed by Government for irrigation of land in terms of hectare in the country;

(c) the area of land in the country likely to be brought under the irrigated sector by the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the final time-period fixed for achieving the target ?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI) : (a) to (c) Against the target of 1,70,50,000 hectares set for the Ninth Plan for creation of irrigation potential, an irrigation potential of about 1,02,00,000 hectares has been created by the end of the Ninth Plan.

(d) Creation of irrigation potential is a continuous process and target is set for the same from one five-year plan to the next according to allocation of funds to the States. However, time for achieving the target will also depend upon acquisition of land, obtaining clearance by the State Governments from various appraising agencies, implementation of rehabilitation measures for project affected families, pari-passu with the construction, geological conditions in respect of projects undertaken to achieve the target.

Amount spent on irrigation projects

†2424. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of irrigation projects are under construction in the country;

(b) if so, the projects which were under construction till the end of March, 2001;

(c) the total amount spend on their construction;

(d) the assessment of the total amount to be spent on their completion; and

(e) by when the construction of all these projects will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI) : (a) to (d) 171 major and 259 medium ongoing projects spilled into IX plan. An amount of Rs. 61,013 crores has been spent on the construction of these projects up to the end of March, 2000. An amount of Rs. 62567 crores is likely to be spent for their completion. Besides 13 major and 36 medium projects have been taken up during IX plan, on which an amount of Rs. 2389 crores is likely to be spent up to the end of this plan. The balance cost of these projects will be Rs. 5497 crores.

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